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Applicants: Borders et al.
Invention: COMMUNICATION AND
DATA ENTRY DEVICE
Serial No.: 10/039,342
Filed: November 19, 2001
Examiner: Unknown

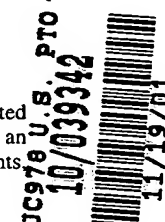
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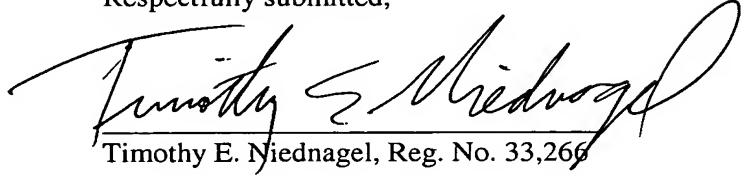
Dear Sir:

A copy of the Filing Receipt for the above-identified application is attached. The filing receipt has an incorrect filing date. A corrected filing receipt is requested.

Due to a mail emergency on November 19, 2001, the USPS Airport Mail Center in Indianapolis, Indiana refused to accept the deposit of mail for delivery by Express Mail service. Therefore, Applicants followed the filing procedure set forth in an Official Gazette notice regarding United States Postal Service interruptions contained in the October 9, 2001 Official Gazette. A copy of the Official Gazette notice is attached. Specifically, Applicants mailed the application by first class mail along with a required statement from Norman J. Hedges, the person who originally attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS by Express Mail. A copy of the statement is attached. The statement indicates the date on which the person attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS and that the USPS refused to accept the correspondence. The correspondence was then mailed using the special box designation "Box Filing Date" as indicated in the October 9, 2001 Official Gazette notice.

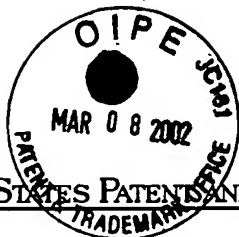
In view of the foregoing, Applicants request a filing date of November 19, 2001 for the present application. Please change the filing date from "01/08/2002" to "11/19/2001" and send a corrected filing receipt to us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy E. Niednagel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Communication and data entry device

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The United States Postal Service (USPS) has informed the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) that as a result of the tragic event in New York City on September 11, 2001, all post offices in the borough of Manhattan are closed on September 12, 2001. These post offices will remain closed until further notice.

The USPTO is designating the interruption in the service of the USPS in the borough of Manhattan as a postal service interruption and an emergency within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 21(a). Accordingly, the USPTO will consider the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.6(e) as now in effect. As soon as the USPTO receives further information from the USPS as to when postal services in the borough of Manhattan will be resumed, the USPTO will post the information on the USPTO website at www.uspto.gov and a final notice will be published in the Official Gazette regarding the postal interruption in New York City.

It would be appreciated if members of the public would bring to the USPTO's attention any other post office closings related to current events. Such information can be brought to the USPTO's attention by contacting Eugenia Jones by e-mail at eugenia.jones@uspto.gov or telephone at 703-306-5586, or by contacting Carol Smith by e-mail at carol.smith@uspto.gov or by telephone at 703-308-8910 (ext 149).

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS
RELATING TO EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE

Where the USPS refuses to accept the deposit of mail for delivery by express mail.

In some cases, due to the recent emergency, certain post offices are refusing to accept the deposit of mail for delivery by Express Mail service. The USPTO is also designating this interruption in the Express Mail service of the USPS as a postal service interruption within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 21(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.6(e). In addition, if a party attempts to deposit correspondence for delivery to the USPTO with the USPS by Express Mail under 37 CFR 1.10 ("Express Mail Post Office to Addressee") and the USPS refuses to accept such correspondence, the party is advised to take the following action: mail the correspondence to the USPTO by registered or first class mail with a statement by the person who originally attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS by Express Mail. The statement must indicate the date on which the person attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS and that the USPS refused to accept the correspondence. The statement must be signed in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18. The correspondence should be mailed as set out in 37 CFR 1.1(a) and include the special box designation: BOX FILING DATE.

Where mail is put into an Express Mail "Drop Box" and given an incorrect "date in".

In some cases a person may use an Express Mail "drop box" without realizing that the local post office is not accepting Express Mail. In that situation, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10(d) may apply. Usually 37 CFR 1.10(d) is invoked where correspondence is placed in an Express Mail "drop box" prior to the last pick up that is scheduled for the drop box for that day, but the USPS enters an incorrect "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label, usually the next day's date. To invoke 37 CFR 1.10(d), however, a petition must be corroborated either by evidence from the USPS or by evidence that came

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Alternative Procedure Invoking "Extraordinary Circumstances"

If a party can demonstrate that due to extraordinary circumstances the above procedures could not be followed, it will be necessary to file a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.183 (patent matter) or 2.146(a)(5) and 2.148 (trademark matter) to waive the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.10 to permit the USPTO to accord the correspondence a filing date as of the date that Express Mail deposit was attempted. Such a petition must be accompanied by a statement by the person who originally attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS by Express Mail, stating the date that the deposit was attempted and that the USPS refused to accept the correspondence, and be signed by such person subject to the conditions prescribed in 37 CFR 10.18.

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September 13, 2001

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